

COTTAGE-ALLOTMENTS.—Mr. Colman, the celebrated American agriculturist, who is now on a tour through Europe, speaking on the advantages resulting from cottage-allotments, says:—"I have treated largely on the subject of allotments, as presenting one of the first and most efficient means of bettering the condition of the agricultural labourer. My own convictions are strong on this point; and they are sustained and strengthened by the testimony of many men of large experience and shrewd observation. The labourer finds in an allotment a means of turning his spare hours to advantage, and in a mode of labour which, from its very character, being in the association of his wife and children, under his own control and management, and for his own immediate and personal benefit, becomes a pleasure instead of a toll. He finds it the means of eking out his scanty wages, of providing, to a degree, for an occasion of sickness, or other suspension of his employment and wages. He is enabled to bring from this source many rare comforts to his own frugal table; and has himself, if he is a man of feeling—and why should he not be?—an opportunity of enjoying one of the richest of all pleasures, that of making a small contribution to relieve an unfortunate or a sick neighbour. It presents a good school of industry for his children, under his own immediate inspection. It quickens his own intelligence, in making agricultural experiments upon a small and useful scale; and rouses a spirit of wholesome emulation, in his crops, even with the master farmers. It removes him from strong temptations to gambling, low dissipation, and intemperance. It gives him an interest in the soil; it attaches him to his home; it involves him in all the risks of the public safety, and makes him the friend of public peace and order. It gives him the spirit of a man, raising him above the sense of slavish dependence, and the dread of becoming a pensioner on public charity. In so doing, it at once exalts him in the community; induces a most wholesome self-respect; inspires a just regard for the rights of property; attaches him the more strongly to his superior, who thus shews his willingness that he should walk erect instead of keeping him upon the ground with his foot upon his neck; and presents innumerable, constant, and powerful motives to improvement and good conduct."

THE WELLINGTON STATUE IN THE CITY.—At the last meeting of the Royal Exchange Committee, on the subject of placing the statue of his Grace the Duke of Wellington, by Sir Francis Chantrey, the trustees, Mr. John Masterman and Sir Peter Laurie, and the executors, Mr. Turner, R.A., and Mr. Jones, discussed, at considerable length, the question as to the most eligible position of the equestrian figure on the spot selected in front of the Royal Exchange. Upon that occasion Sir Peter Laurie stated, that Sir Francis Chantrey always expressed a wish that the statue should face the south, in order that it might have the advantage of the sun, for which purpose the eminent sculptor suggested the removal of the ugly upper story of the Mansion House, which was accordingly taken down, to the manifest improvement of that edifice. Mr. Jones confirmed the statement, as to the opinion and wish of Sir Francis Chantrey. The committee, however, came to the resolution that, as the front of the Royal Exchange faced the west, it would, notwithstanding the impression upon the mind of so high an authority, be preposterous to turn the face of the statue away from that direction, and they accordingly agreed unanimously that the duke should front Cheapside. Mr. Turner, the other executor, informed the committee that the statue and pedestal had long been completed, and he trusted that by the 18th of June, the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, the public would have a complete opportunity of judging of the merits of the performance. The committee seemed to entertain no doubt that on the anniversary of the memorable event the statue would be erected.

CAUTION TO SURVEYORS OF THE HIGHWAYS.—On Friday week, at Chanda House, Mr. William Wyatt, Surveyor of the Highways of Dunkerton, was fined 10s. and costs, for using his own team for repairing the parish highways without having first obtained from two justices a license authorizing him so to do.

PUBLIC WALKS.—A grant of 5,000*l.*, being the first grant from the fund of 10,000*l.* voted by Parliament for the purpose of providing public walks for the use of inhabitants of large towns, has been allotted to Oldham; a communication having been received to that effect, a short time ago, from Sir Thomas Freemantle, on behalf of Government. The appropriation of the funds is in the hands of the Commissioners of Woods and Forest, upon whom a deputation of the Oldham Police Commissioners waited some time ago on the subject, accompanied by their law clerk, Mr. Kay Clegg. It is understood that additional funds will be required to carry into effect the highly desirable object in view; and measures are to be taken forthwith to promote the design.—*Manchester Guardian.*

NEW ALMSHOUSES AT MAIDSTONE.—A desirable site near College-lane has been selected for the almshouses directed to be built and endowed by the will of the late Philip Corral, Esq. The erection will be of stone, and of a substantial nature.

WINDOW GLASS.—By the new scale of duties the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposes to reduce the duty upon white glass which is at present 2*d.* per lb., to the same as that upon green-bottle glass, which is only three farthings per lb.

We understand that at a meeting of the iron trade, held on the 17th ult., it was unanimously resolved, unasked, to advance the wages of the colliers and miners in the Monkland district 6*d.* per day, on condition of the absurd restriction by the miners to two-thirds of their output being given up.—*Glasgow Argus.*

Tenders.

TENDERS delivered for painting, decorating, and generally repairing the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers, in Cheapside.—Samuel Angell, Esq., Architect. April 30.

Battam and Craske	£399
George Cooke	404
Biabop	427
Taylor	462
Larke	492
Safrs	510
Barton	534

TENDERS delivered for the first pair of a series of seven pairs of Cottages to be built at East Brixton for Mr. Thomas Bull.—Mr. John Thomas, Architect. April 30, 1844.

Cooper and Davies	£1,050
Bennett and Seaborne	1,000
Jacob	983
Crawley	976
Reynolds	950
Tichey and Simpson	915

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For the erection of a Bridge at Hilton, in the parish of Woodfield, Salop, and also for lowering and improving the upper part of Hilton Hill.—Plans, &c., at Mr. Stokes, Shipley. May 8.

For the erection of a Theatre at Wolverhampton.—Drawings, &c., at the Peacock Inn, Wolverhampton. Mr. Tiebhorne, Wolverhampton. May 6.

For re-building the Western Pier of the Humber Dock Basin, and the removal of the present Pier included, or to be provided for in a separate tender, as may be most convenient.—Secretary to the Dock Company at Kingston-upon-Hull. Plans, &c., at Mr. Michael Lane's, Engineer, Castle-street, Hull. May 20.

For works required in the enlargement of the Reigate Union Workhouse at Redhill.—Plans, &c., at the Board-room. Mr. Thomas Hart, Clerk to the Guardians. May 6.

For repairs and alterations of the Branch Bank, Aylesbury.—G. H. Taylor, Esq., Architect, 22, Parliament-street, Westminster, and 22, Queen-street, City; or at the Branch Bank, Aylesbury. April 29.

For altering and completely finishing the carcasses of two Houses in Middleton-road, Queen's-road, Dalston.—Mr. James Clark, 4, Richmond-Terrace, Queen's-road, Dalston.

For building an Union House, at Lock's Bottom, Farnborough, Kent.—Mr. Henry Nottingham, Clerk to the Guardians, Keston, Kent. Plans, &c., at Messrs. Savage and Foden's, Architects, 31, Essex-street, Strand. May 10.

For making a plan and taking levels of all the drains in the town of Kingston-upon-Hull, and the Lorisbip of Myton.—Further particulars of Mr. R. Witty, Surveyor, 11, Sykes-street, Hull. May 22.

For the alterations and repairs of Wicham Church.

Plans, &c., Mr. W. N. Young, Surveyor, Mildenhall. May 6.

For building a new Church at West Lydford, Somerset.—Plans, &c., Mr. Phipps, Shepton Mallet. May 10.

For erection of a new Union Workhouse at Highland's Farm, in the parish of Cuckfield, Sussex.—Particulars, Plans, &c., of Mr. T. Wisden, Hampton-place, Western-road, Brighton. May 10.

For erecting a bridge over the Waveney, between Diss and Stooton.—Plans, &c., from 1st to 8th inst., at Mr. Farrow's, Diss; from 8th to 15th at Suffolk Hotel, Ipswich; and from 15th to 22nd at Royal Hotel, Norwich; Clara Algar, Secretary, Auctioneer and Land Surveyor, Diss. May 23.

For the erection of an Iron Bridge of one arch, of one hundred and ten feet span, intended to be built over the river Avon, at Bath.—P. George, Esq., Town Clerk, Bath.—Drawings, &c., at G. P. Manners, Esq., Architect, No. 1, Oxford-row, Bath. May 31.

For the executing of certain works for the improvement of Aberdeen Harbour.—Plans, &c., Mr. Abernethy, 69, Waterloo-quay, Aberdeen. June 20.

Current Prices of Metals.

April 30, 1844.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
SPELTER.—Foreign ton	22	15	0	23	0	0
" For delivery	0	0	0	22	0	0
ZINC.—English sheet	0	0	0	30	0	0
QUICKSILVER						
IRON.—English bar, &c.	per ton	6	0	0		
" Nail rods	0	0	0	6	15	0
" Hoops	0	0	0	8	0	0
" Sheets	0	0	0	9	0	0
" Cargo in Wales	0	0	0	5	10	0
" Pig, No. 1, Wales	0	0	0	4	0	0
" No. 1, Clyde	0	0	0	3	10	0
" For., Swedish	9	15	0	10	0	0
" Russian, cend.				16	10	0
STEEL.—Swedish keg, p. ton	18	10	0	19	0	0
" Faggot	0	0	0	19	0	0
COPPER.—English sheathing, per lb.	0	0	0	9		
" Old				0	0	81
" Cake p. ton	0	0	0	84	10	0
" Tile	0	0	0	83	0	0
" S. American	0	0	0	75	0	0
TIN.—English, blocks, &c. cwt.				3	13	0
" bars	0	0	0	3	14	6
" Foreign, Banca	0	0	0	3	10	0
" Straits	0	0	0	3	4	0
" Peruvian	0	0	0	3	0	0
Tin plates, No. 1C. p. box	1	7	0	1	11	0
" No. 1X.	1	13	0	1	17	0
" wasters 3s. p. box less						
LEAD.—Sheet milled	per ton	17	15	0		
" Shot, patent	0	0	0	19	15	0
" Red				21	10	0
" White				23	10	0
PRO-LEAD.—English	0	0	0	17	0	0
" Spanish	0	0	0	16	10	0
" American	0	0	0	16	5	0

SHORT and MAHONY, Brokers,
1, Newman's-court, Cornhill.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received, and have put in the engraver's hands, the drawings of the French Church. A historical memoir relating to its congregation and establishment would be acceptable.

We are afraid the sketches of Repton Church crypt are too rough and inaccurate to be executed by our engraver, who found great difficulty in doing so with our correspondent's last communication which is ready for insertion; but if furnished with all the exact dimensions, and with true sections of the mouldings and details of the work, with the jointing of the masonry in the walls, columns, arches, and vaultings clearly expressed, we should take pleasure in having the subject fully illustrated; perhaps on digging, complete base-mouldings to every part of the structure might be found. The details of the doorway, its construction and jointing, should also be given, as should, if possible, the thickness of the materials of the vaulting. Perhaps the joints of the vaulting might, to a certain extent, be shown on the plan, unless indeed there be a pavement worth representing.

We have received the letter of "A Pupil."

We have received the block plans of Widdington and Newport Churches, with an accompanying letter, but are unable to give any reply this week.

We have received the description of the "Great Britain Steam-ship," which will appear in our next.

The drawings of Hand-rail Scrolls, &c., will be inserted in our next, as will the article upon Gothic arches, for which we could not find room in this number.